

United States Post Office and Courthouse  
(Justice William O. Douglas Federal Building)  
25 South Third Street  
Yakima  
Yakima County  
Washington

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STATE WASHINGTON	COUNTY YAKIMA	TOWN OR VICINITY YAKIMA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Bronze letters on building United States Post Office and Court House; In 1978 renamed - The Justice William O. Douglas Federal Building-U.S.		HABS NO. WA-170
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Post Office/Courthouse		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 25 South 3rd Street, Yakima, WA 98901		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Award: February 1911 (Yakima Morning Completed: July 1912 Herald)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) (Bldg. Tablet-Orig. Dr. James Knox Taylor, Supervising Architect of the U.S. Treasury Department	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Historically the monumental Beaux Arts Structure has always served as Yakima Main Post Office and Federal Courthouse. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service also have been housed throughout the years in this historical structure.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Turn of the century Beaux Arts traditional; balanced and symmetrical.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Concrete encased structural steel Indiana Limestone, Stone (rusticated granite) and brick masonry exterior walls - interior walls; structural clay tile, plastered walls & ceilings.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Original bldg.; three story plus basement 118' x 72'. Between 1938 and 1940 two 3 story wings with basement extending 51'-6" to the East & a central 1 story postal workroom w/basement. (See attached)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The carefully detailed Beaux Arts monumentality makes a major contribution to the diversity of Architecture in Yakima, especially as it relates to a balance of styles with the adjacent Historic Register Structure - The Capitol Theatre.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Please see attached floor plans. The main 1st floor lobby and corridors on all three floors are significant for their monumental quality and detailing.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1926 a one story 58' x 22'-6" annex addition was added to the original 1911 building. In 1938 the 1926 addition was demolished and a major new addition was constructed on the east as described above; shape and dimensions of structure.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building exterior facade and interior reflect and retain the original integrity of the original building. The building today with the exception of the 1st floor is used by the Federal Court.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Contract Bid Documents are presently being reviewed/assembled by GSA, Region 10, for the conversion and restoration of the Justice Wm. O. Douglas Federal Building - U.S. Courthouse. Sensitivity to the historic and architectural quality of the Federal Bldg. established the design guidelines.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listing on National Historic Register, State Historic Register and General Services Administration Archives. A copy of the National Register nomination form is included in the field records accompanying this HABS data and photographs.		
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